

*Chapter 2.1: Quadratic functions* – How do you sketch graphs and write equations of parabolas?

**Polynomials and quadratic functions – review:**

Polynomial Function:

Degree:

Quadratic function:

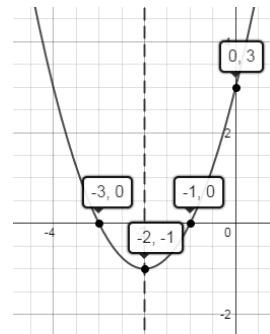
**Parabolas:**

Standard (vertex) form, vertex, and a value:

Axis of symmetry:

Solutions/ $x$  – intercepts/roots/zeros:

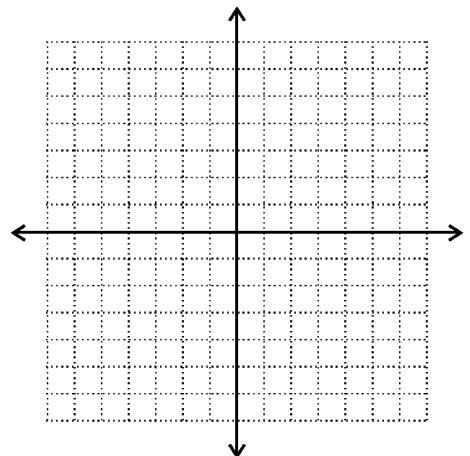
Example: Write the function's equation.



**Example:** Write the function in vertex form:  $f(x) = -3x^2 + 12x + 2$ .

**Practice:**

Write the function in vertex form:  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 8x - 10$ . Then graph it and identify the vertex, AOS, domain/range, and the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts.



**Writing equations, max/min values:**

How many parabolas can go through the same vertex?

What feature makes these parabolas different?

What features will all these parabolas have in common?

**Max and min values:**

**Fact:** All parabolas have either an absolute max or an absolute min.

**Question:** When will a parabola have an absolute max? Min?

**Example:** A local newspaper has daily production costs of  $C = 55,000 - 108x + 0.06x^2$  where  $c$  is the total cost in dollars and  $x$  is the # of newspapers printed. How many newspapers should be printed to yield a minimum cost? What is the minimum cost?

**Practice:**

Find the standard form equation for the parabola described:

1. Vertex at (2,3), zero at (-1,0)

2. Vertex at (-2,0) and through the point (-4,6)

3. Find any two quadratic functions, one that opens upwards and one that opens downward through the given zeros  
**(3, 0) and (9, 0)**

## Chapter 2.2: Polynomial functions of higher degree – How do you sketch the graphs of polynomial functions?

### Basics of the graphs of polynomials:

All polynomial graphs are *continuous* and contain only *smooth curves*.  
*End behavior* is based on the leading coefficient and the degree.

#### Even degree:

$a > 0$

$a < 0$

#### Odd degree:

$a > 0$

$a < 0$

### Roots and factors:

If  $x = a$  solves a polynomial function for  $P(a) = 0$ , then...

$x = a$  is a zero of the function

$x = a$  is a solution to  $P(x) = 0$

$(x - a)$  must be a factor of  $P(x)$

$(a, 0)$  is an x-intercept of the graph of  $P(x)$ .

### Examples:

1. Determine the end behavior of the polynomial.

$$f(x) = -3x^5 + 2x^2$$

2. Find the zeros of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^2$ .

3. If  $3, -2$ , and  $\frac{1}{4}$  are zeros of a polynomial, find a possible equation for the polynomial.

### Multiplicity and irrational roots:

Multiplicity –

Dealing with algebraic irrationals (roots)

Odd:

Even:

### Practice:

4. Find the real zeros of  $P(x) = x^5 + 2x^4 + x^3$ .

5. Write a polynomial function with zeros at  $-1$  (**m 2**),  $\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}$ .

6. Write a polynomial function with zeros at  $2, 1 + \sqrt{2}$ .

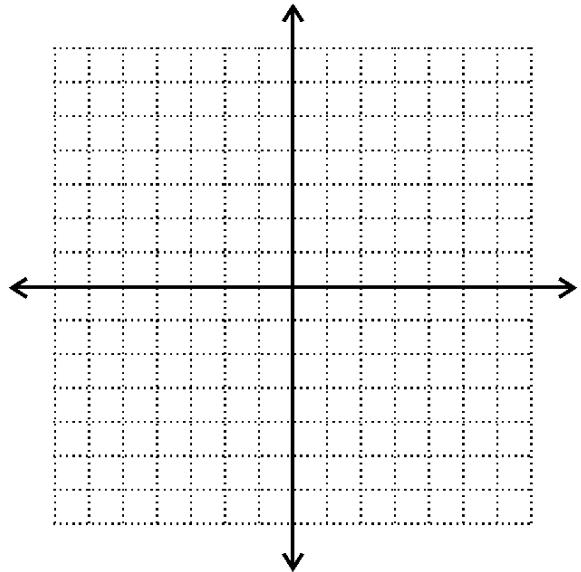
### Sketching graphs of polynomials:

What are some main features we can find?

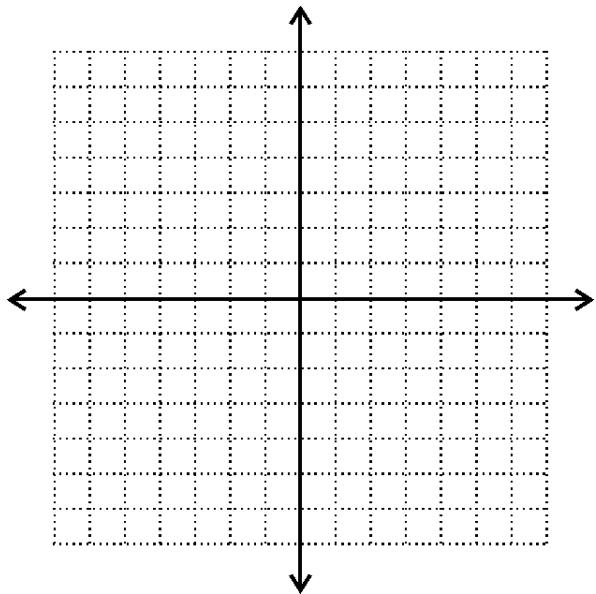
How can we figure out behavior *between* the zeros?

**Practice:** Sketch a reasonable graph of the function.

1.  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^2$



2.  $f(x) = x^5 - 4x^3 + 8x^2 - 32$



*Chapter 2.3 Using synthetic and polynomial division* – How do you divide a polynomial by another polynomial and use polynomial division to find the rational and real zeros of polynomials?

**Synthetic division:**

When the *divisor* in a polynomial division problem is *linear* ( $x - c$ ), there is a very nice algorithm we can use. It is called *Synthetic division*.

**Synthetic division:**

**Example -**

The set up: The *coefficients* of the dividend are written out on the top row.

Put the constant term of the divisor,  $c$  in the box. Put a place holder 0 for any missing exponent.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^6 - 3x^5 + 14x + 4 \\ \hline x - 2 \end{array}$$

**The utility of synthetic division:**

Synthetic division is an *algorithm* that works under certain constraints. It is not the only way to divide, but it's quick.

**Factor theorem:**

If  $(x - k)$  is a factor of a polynomial,  $P(x)$ , then the quotient  $\frac{P(x)}{(x-k)} =$

If we can divide evenly by a linear factor, what will happen to the degree of the quotient compared to the degree of the dividend?

**Example:**

Factor  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 11x^2 + 18x + 9$  completely if  $(x + 3)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

**Practice:** Factor the polynomial equation completely using the given factors.

1.  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 2x^2 - 19x + 6; (x + 3)$

2.  $f(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 - x^2 - 16x - 12; (x + 3), (x + 1)$

**Polynomial long division:** When we want to divide by a non-linear factor, we have to use long division.

$$Ex: \frac{x^4+5x^3+6x^2-x-2}{x+2}$$

$$Ex: \frac{x^4+5x^3+12x^2+17x+5}{x^2+3x+1}$$

**Rational zero test:**

If  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$  is a polynomial with integer coefficients and  $\frac{p}{q}$  is a rational root of  $f(x) = 0$ , then  $p$  must be a divisor of the constant term  $a_0$  and  $q$  must be a divisor of the leading coefficient  $a_n$ .

**Practice:** Determine the possible rational zeros of the polynomial.

$$1. f(x) = 2x^5 + 4x^2 + 3$$

$$2. f(x) = 4x^4 + 3x^2 + x + 6$$

Use the rational zero test, and synthetic division, to factor the polynomial completely.

$$3. f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 3x + 2$$

$$4. f(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 - 11x^2 - 16x - 4$$

**Imaginary and complex numbers:**

The imaginary Number:  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , we will frequently use a property of radicals,  $\sqrt{ab} =$

When a real number is multiplied by  $i$ , it is a number in the *complex number system*.

A *complex number* has two parts. Since real numbers and imaginary numbers are not like terms, then for any real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , a complex number in standard form is defined as  $a + bi$

When doing operations with complex numbers, they must be treated as...

Examples:

1.  $(3 + 6i) - (4 + 2i)$

2.  $(3 + 6i)(4 + 2i)$

Practice:

1.  $(9 + 2i) + (1 - 7i)$

2.  $(6 - 11i)^2$

3.  $(3 + 7i)(2 - 4i)$

4.  $\sqrt{-4} + (-4 - \sqrt{-4})$

5.  $\sqrt{-4} \cdot \sqrt{-16}$

**The complex conjugate, rationalization and graphing:**

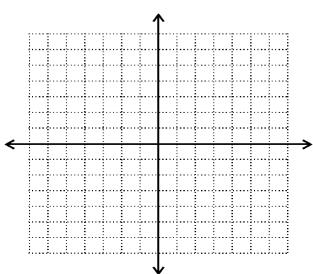
If  $a + bi$  is a complex number, what is its conjugate?

Stylistically, we are not allowed to have a complex number in a denominator of a fraction. So, you must *rationalize* any denominators that have an  $i$  in them.

Example: rationalize the following:

$$\frac{6+i}{2-i}$$

Graphing a complex number is easy, instead of using a Cartesian plane, you use a similar set up with axes labeled (*real, imaginary*), so to plot  $a + bi$ , you plot the ordered pair ...



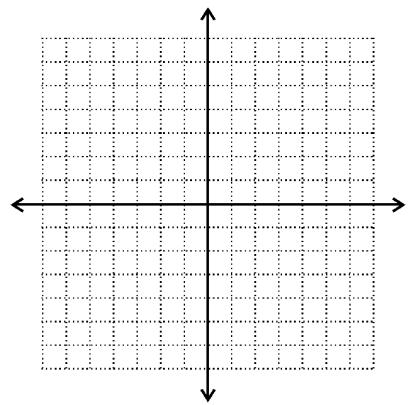
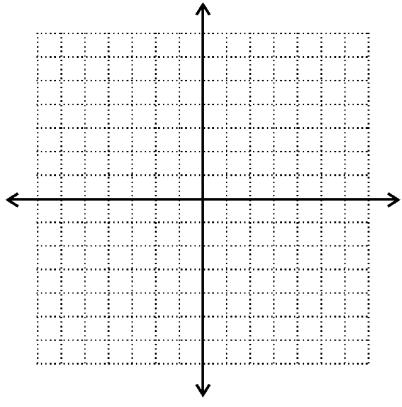
Practice:

1.  $\frac{4+i}{3-2i}$

2. Find the reciprocal of  $1 + 3i$

3. Graph  $2 - 5i$

4. Graph  $(3 - i)(2 + 3i)$



**The fundamental theorem of algebra and linear factorization theorem:**

The fundamental theorem of algebra states that every  $n$ th degree polynomial has exactly  $n$  complex roots.

Linear factorization theorem states that every  $n$ th degree polynomial with  $n$  complex roots has EXACTLY  $n$  linear factors.

If a complex number is a zero of a polynomial, then...

**Examples:** Find the zeros of the function and write as a product of *linear* factors.

1.  $f(x) = x^2 + 10x + 23$

2.  $f(x) = x^4 - 81$

3.  $f(x) = x^4 - 5x^2 - 66$

Use the given zeros to write a polynomial function with real coefficients

5.  $3, 4i,$

6.  $-1, -1, 2 + 5i$

**Factoring and specific polynomials:**  $f(x) = x^4 - 5x^2 - 66$

Completely factoring over rational numbers:

Given zeros and a point on the function:

Completely factoring over real numbers:

Completely factoring over complex numbers:

**Examples:** Given the zeros, multiplicities, and a point on the function, determine the equation of the polynomial.

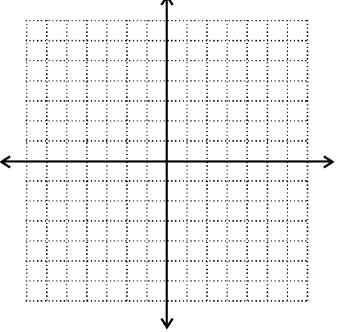
1. Zeros at  $3 - i, -2, 1$ , degree 4,  $f(2) = 4$

2. Zeros at  $\sqrt{3}, i, 2$ , degree 5,  $f(-1) = 4$

Factor each polynomial **a)** Over the rational numbers **b)** over the real numbers **c)** over the complex numbers.

3.  $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 + 6x^2 + 2x - 60$ ,  $1 + 3i$  is a root      4.  $f(x) = x^5 + x^3 + 2x^2 - 12x + 8$ ,  $-2i$  and  $1$  are roots

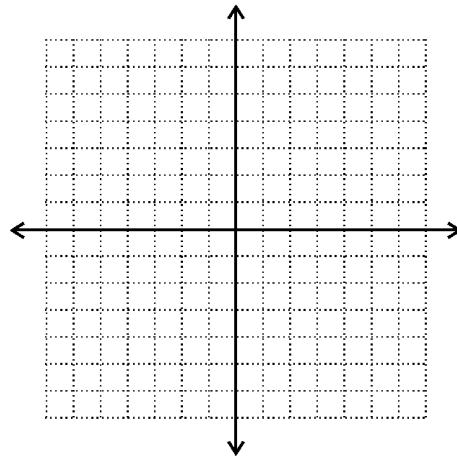
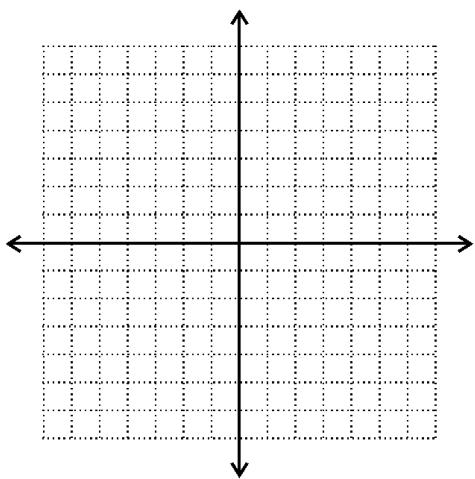
Chapter 2.6: Rational functions and asymptotes – How do you find the domain and asymptotes of a rational function?

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| <b>Rational function:</b> $f(x) = \frac{N(x)}{D(x)}$<br><b>Parent function:</b> $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  | Domain:<br><br>Range:<br><br>Vertical asymptote:<br><br>Horizontal asymptote:<br><br>Discontinuous: |
| <b>Asymptotes:</b><br>Vertical asymptotes: _____<br>Horizontal asymptotes: _____<br>Holes: _____   |   |

**Examples:** Find any asymptotes, zeros, holes and use the behavior at critical points and extremes to graph the function.

$$1. \ f(x) = \frac{3}{x-2}$$

$$2. \ f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x+1}{2x^2-x-3}$$

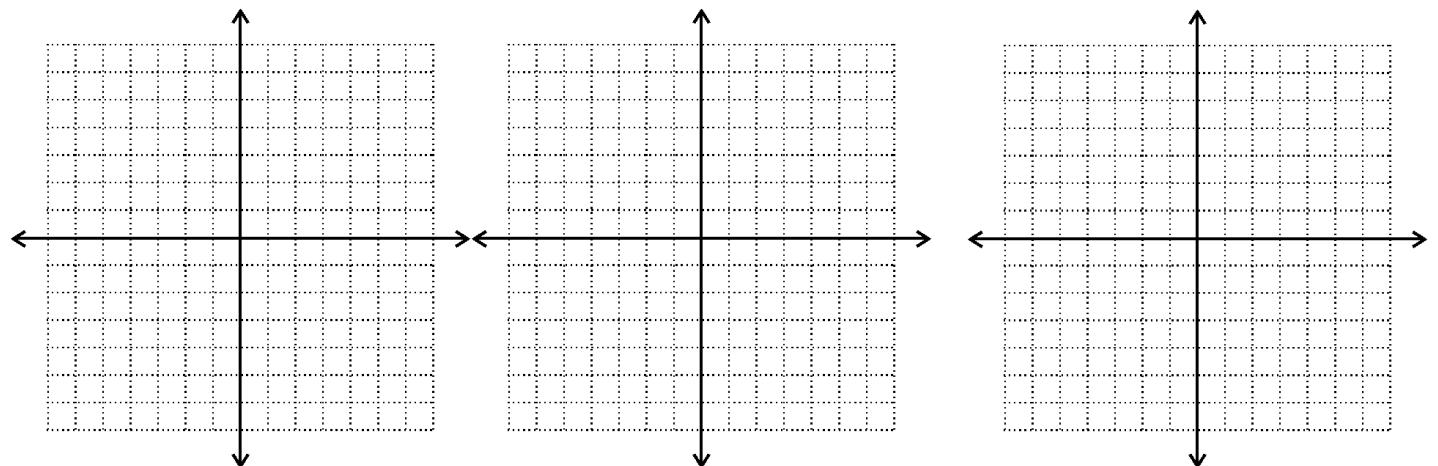


**Practice:** Find any asymptotes, zeroes, holes and use the behavior at critical points and extremes to graph the function.

1.  $f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x-1}$

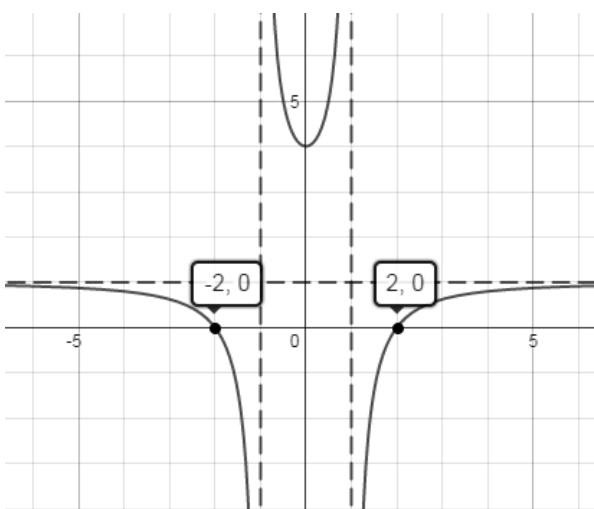
2.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x-2}{x^2-x-6}$

3.  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2-9}$



3. What could be the equation of the function?

4. Write the equation of any function  
that fits the following criteria:  
a) Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = 0$   
b) Vertical Asymptote:  $x = -1$   
c) Zero:  $x = 1$



**The slant asymptote:**

Third case: The degree of the numerator is **exactly one more** than the degree of the denominator. Use long division!

**Describe the slant asymptotes:**

$$1. f(x) = \frac{2x}{1}$$

$$2. f(x) = \frac{2x^2+1}{x}$$

$$3. f(x) = \frac{2x^3}{2x^2+1}$$

**Graphing complex rational functions:**

Things to note:

All horizontal and slant asymptotes can be found by finding the quotient through division and disregarding the remainder.

Ex:

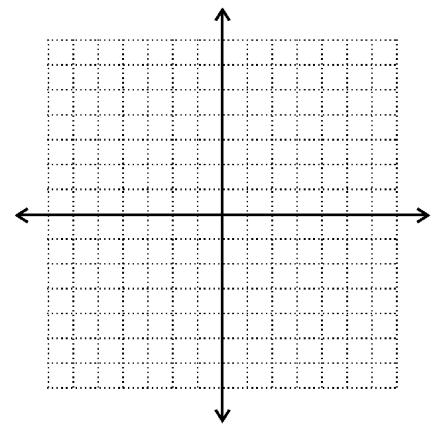
$$1. f(x) = \frac{4x+5}{2x-1}$$

$$2. f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x-3}$$

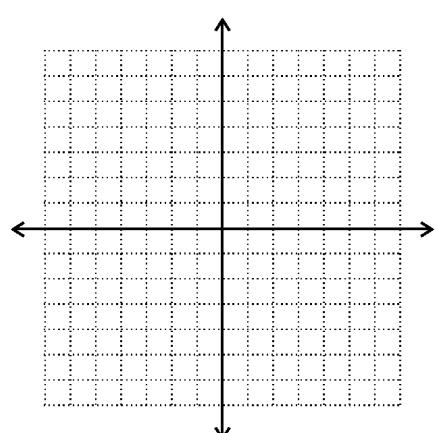
1. We need to check behavior in between all critical  $x$  – values which include **zeros** and **vertical asymptotes**.
2. There will always be either a horizontal **or** a slant asymptote, not both.
3. Graphs of rational functions *can* cross a **horizontal** or **slant** asymptote when near the center of the graph, asymptotes only describe what happens at the extremes.
4. **Each** non removable domain restriction will give you a unique vertical asymptote.
5. Always find the y-value of a hole by plugging the removable domain restriction's x-value into the simplified function.

**Practice:** Sketch a graph of the rational function by finding the key features.

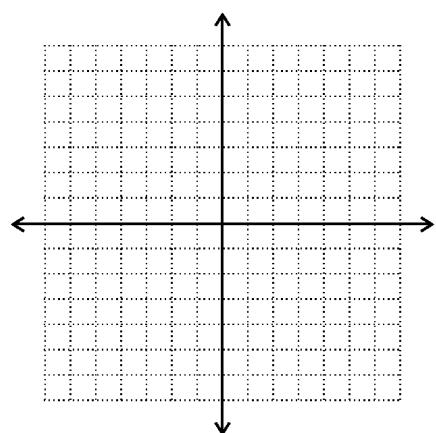
$$1. f(x) = \frac{2x^2+1}{x}$$



$$2. f(x) = \frac{x^3}{2x^2-8}$$

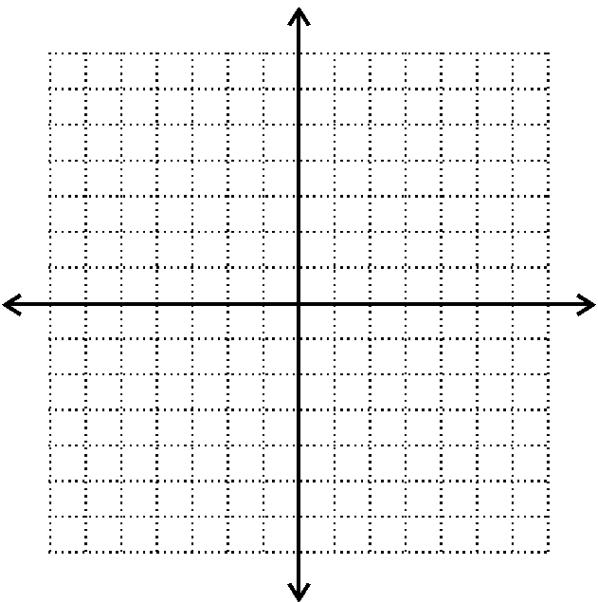


$$3. f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-4}$$



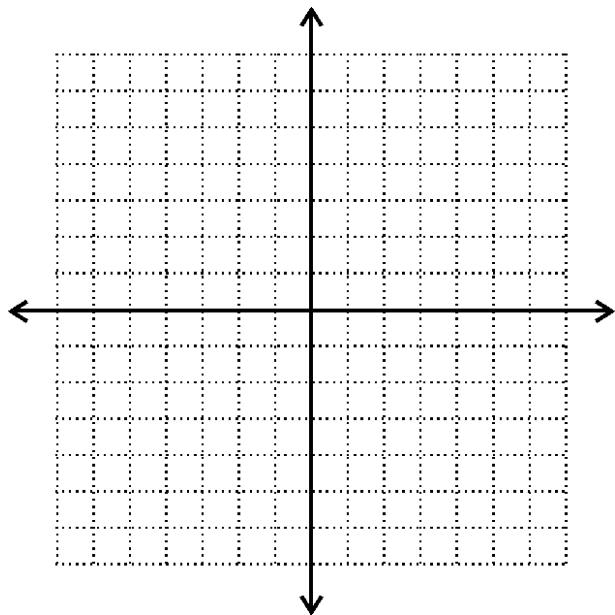
**Practice:** Graph each rational function.

$$1. f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^3 - x}$$



$$3. f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{2x - 3}$$

$$2. f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{2x - 1}$$



$$4. f(x) = \frac{x - 2}{x^2}$$

